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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

This is a response to the Office Action mailed from the Patent Office on January 21, 1999. In response to the Office Action, Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks.